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FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

Tenth session

Copenhagen, 7–15 December 2009

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda

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Note by the Chair*

I. Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) agreed that its main task for 2009 was to forward to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) the results of its work, with a view to their adoption.¹
2. The tenth session of the AWG-KP will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 7 to 15 December 2009, in conjunction with the fifth session of the CMP. The main objective of the session will be to produce substantive results of the work on the consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Annex I Parties under Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol, and to forward them to the CMP for further action.

* This document was submitted after the due date owing to the short interval between the ninth and tenth sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

¹ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 22 (c).

3. As part of its work programme for 2009, updated at its resumed sixth session, the AWG-KP agreed that at its tenth session it will seek to consider issues relating to rules and modalities of possible improvements relating to items 3, 4 and 5 of its agenda for the sixth session, as well as further consideration of a draft text on agenda item 7 and any draft decisions or draft amendments.²

These agenda items read as follows:

- (a) Item 3: Analysis of means to reach emission reduction targets and identification of ways to enhance their effectiveness and contribution to sustainable development;
- (b) Item 4: Consideration of relevant methodological issues;
- (c) Item 5: Consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties (hereinafter referred to as potential consequences);
- (d) Item 7: Consideration of further commitments by Annex I Parties.

4. Conclusions on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as well as on the contribution of Annex I Parties individually or jointly to this scale were expected to be adopted by the AWG-KP at the seventh and eighth sessions. However, despite considerable efforts, including at the ninth session, these matters remain unresolved and they should thus be a priority at the tenth session.

II. Overview and organizational matters

A. Views on the organization of the session

5. The provisional agenda for the session contains two substantive items, namely item 3, "Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol", and item 4, "Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its fifth session". All issues identified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above will be considered under item 3 of the provisional agenda. Item 4 has been added to the provisional agenda with a view to preparing a report on the results of the work of the AWG-KP to be forwarded to the CMP for further action.

6. Arrangements for two plenary meetings have been made as follows:

- (a) An opening plenary, scheduled for Monday, 7 December, to open the session, adopt the agenda, agree on the organization of the work of the session and hear opening statements from groups of Parties. At this plenary, the Chair will introduce the documentation prepared for the session;
- (b) A closing plenary, scheduled for Tuesday, 15 December, at which the AWG-KP will adopt its report to the CMP.

7. The Chair may convene a plenary meeting between 7 and 15 December if necessary.

8. As agreed at the resumed ninth session, arrangements for the organization of work at that session will continue to apply to the tenth session. The following contact groups will be established, bearing in mind the agreement on the time allotted to each group at the resumed ninth session:

- (a) On the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as well as on the contribution of Annex I Parties to this scale;
- (b) On other matters;

² FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8, paragraph 60 (d).

- (c) On potential consequences;
- (d) On legal matters.

9. The contact group referred to in paragraph 8 (a) above will be given priority with regard to time allocation. As agreed at the resumed ninth session, discussions on land use, land-use change and forestry will be held in parallel with the meetings of this group to the extent possible.

10. The Chair would like to suggest that all contact groups focus their work on preparing draft decisions or draft amendments, as appropriate, on the subjects under their consideration. The groups should finalize their work on these drafts before the end of the first week, that is, by Saturday, 12 December. If the groups are unable to do so, they should prepare draft texts with a limited number of options in order to facilitate further action by the CMP.

11. The Chair expects the group referred to in paragraph 8 (a) above to prepare a draft text of an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Article 3, paragraph 9, that specifies quantified emission limitation or reduction objectives for each Annex I Party for the period beyond 2012.

12. Parties may wish to recall that the report on the results of the work of the AWG-KP should be agreed by the group. The Chair would like to propose that contact groups be established under agenda item 4 to prepare the results of the work of the AWG-KP. The Chair foresees the need for the AWG-KP to come together as one group to finalize the work and agree on how to forward the results to the CMP. He suggests that the meetings of this group be scheduled towards the end of the first week to allow the other contact groups to finalize their work and provide their input to the report to the CMP, as appropriate.

B. Documentation

13. Documentation to facilitate negotiations among Parties has been prepared by the Chair of the AWG-KP in response to a request by the AWG-KP at its eighth session.³ It consists of:

- (a) A cover note which has been revised three times and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Rev.3;
- (b) The following four addenda:
 - (i) Addendum 1 contains proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Article 3, paragraph 9. This addendum has been revised twice and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.1/Rev.2;
 - (ii) Addendum 2 contains other proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol, which has been issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.2;
 - (iii) Addendum 3 contains a compilation of proposals for elements of draft decisions on other issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8. This addendum has been revised three times and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.3/Rev.3;
 - (iv) Addendum 4 contains a compilation of proposals by Parties for aggregate and individual figures for Annex I Parties. This addendum has been revised twice and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.4/Rev.2.

14. The Chair has prepared a revision to the document on potential consequences. It will be issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/12/Rev.2.

³ FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/9, paragraph 19.

15. The Chair would like to remind delegates that the documentation referred to in paragraph 13 above has been prepared to facilitate negotiations. This documentation:

- (a) Shall reflect proposals, views and discussions by Parties in a comprehensive manner;
- (b) Does not prejudge the content of the outcome of negotiations undertaken in the context of the AWG-KP responding to decision 1/CMP.1;
- (c) Does not reflect consensus among Parties with regard to the possible content, form or structure of the results of the work of the AWG-KP and their subsequent adoption by the CMP at its fifth session;
- (d) Does not constitute text for proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol to be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2, or Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.
